

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 052757

56

ORIGIN SSM-05

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 IO-11 SAB-01 /074 R

DRAFTED BY SSM:EGREEN:RMS

APPROVED BY SSM:CMCMANAWAY

NEA/P:MVANORDER (SUBSTANCE)

----- 121849

R 040320Z MAR 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

INFO USMISSION SINAI

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 052757

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, EG, IS

SUBJECT: PRESS VISITS TO SFM

REFS: A) CAIRO 2711; B) SINAI 137

1. THIS IS COMMENT REGARDING SUGGESTED TV/PRESS POOL AS
PROMISED IN STATE 49745 (NOTAL).

2. AS AGREED WITH SFM DIRECTOR THORNE BEFORE HE LEFT WASH-
INGTON, HE HAS AUTHORITY TO CALL PRESS SHOTS REGARDING
VISITS TO SFM AFTER JOURNALISTS HAVE RECEIVED PERMISSION
TO ENTER BUFFER ZONE FROM UNEF AND EGYPTIANS OR ISRAELIS.

3. WE ARE RELUCTANT TO SECOND-GUESS HIM FROM HERE BUT OUR
ASSUMPTION IS THAT HE HAS BY NOW EXPLAINED TO JOHNSON-
BLOOM, AND ANY OTHERS, THAT OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF SFM
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 052757

PERSONNEL ARE STILL ENGAGED IN CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

AND THAT ANY FOOTAGE THEY MIGHT TAKE AT THIS TIME WOULD OF NECESSITY BE REMARKABLY SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH T'HEY HAVE ALREADY SHOT AND SHOWN. IF THEY ARE TRULY INTERESTED IN ;HOW AMERICANS ARE WORKING, LIVING AND PLAYING IN THE DESERT," THEY WOULD BE HARD PUT TO FILL MOST OF THEIR REQUIREMENTS UNTIL A DATE CLOSER TO THE JULY 1 DEADLINE.

4. IF BY 'TV/PRESS POOL; CAIRO IS SUGGESTING A SAME-DAY VISIT FOR ALL REQUESTING JOURNALISTS, WE WOULD AGREE THAT ONE SUCH INTERRUPTION (AND RESULTANT FLURRY OF REPORTING) WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR SFM AND LESS OF AN IRRITANT TO GOE. HOWEVER, WE WOULD QUESTION THE TACTICAL WISDOM OF SUGGESTING COVERAGE BY A POOL OF SELECTED PRESS REPRESENTATIVES AND DOUBT HIGHLY COMPETITIVE NETWORKS WOULD AGREE TO SUCH A SUGGESTION IN ANY CASE.
KISSINGER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLICIES, TRACKING STATIONS, PEACE OBSERVATION MISSIONS, THE PRESS, VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 MAR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: morefirh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE052757
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: EGREEN:RMS
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760082-1196
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760394/aaaadetx.tel
Line Count: 77
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN SSM
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 CAIRO 2711, 76 SINAI 137
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: morefirh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <07 JUN 2004 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <08 JUL 2004 by morefirh>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESS VISITS TO SFM
TAGS: PFOR, SOPN, IS, EG, US
To: CAIRO
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006